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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Communication dated December 12, 2001 which issued in connection with the above referenced Patent Application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract of the Disclosure:

Please re-write the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

61 2681 An absorbent article is provided for use in the perineal area of the body. Compliant sealing cuffs are pre-formed to extend outward from the central portion of the article. The